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**ANCHORAGE WOMAN INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY
ON CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED BANK FRAUD**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, December 13, 2007, that Heather Marie Jones of Anchorage, Alaska has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on a charge of attempted bank fraud.

The one-count indictment named Jones, age 27, of 118 Grand Larry, Apt #9, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, Jones attempted to execute a scheme to defraud the Alaska USA Federal Credit Union by using her account to deposit a forged Union Plus convenience check in the amount of \$19,700.

Assistant United States Attorney Retta Randall, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of 30 years in prison, a fine of \$1 million, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed would be based upon the seriousness of the offense and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The United States Postal Inspection Service conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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